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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination thereof, please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 36, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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